

CHATABOUT FASHIONS

What Women Wear When They Follow the Latest Modes.

NEW MATERIALS FOR EVENING

Elaborate Silk Skirts and Stylish Plaid Velvet Jackets.

JEWELS AS ORNAMENTS

Written for The Evening Star.

NOTHING IS MORE natural in July or August than to enthuse over a group of attractive girls, all dressed either in a dainty, fluffy summer dress or in the term "summer girl," a creature who is sure to possess one or the other of the above mentioned attributes.

But when the scene shifts, and when, instead of basking in midsummer sunshine, we find ourselves under the glare of electric lights listening to the play and noting the gorgeously attired maids and matrons all about us, it is small wonder that, for the time being, we forget our summer's love and turn our eyes in rapturous admiration upon the girl and brilliant daughter of Hiens.

The women in large street hats remove them almost as universally as do the men. I saw only one obstruction of this kind at a New York theater the other night. It was made of velvet and trimmed with a large bunch of its own hair and thoughtless of the wearer. It had a soft Tam O'Shanter crown of coral colored velvet and a beautiful white lace and tulle's flaring trim.

One of the most striking features of this intermittent procession of loveliness was the large number of all silk dresses of various tints. A gray silk brocade which was very light and delicate, and a sort of simulated jacket bordered with gold and spangled passementerie. There was a high luff of a cream pleated mousseline at the back of the collar. The sleeves fitted the arm like a glove up to the necking of the small puff. A gray bonnet trimmed with white lace and a large bunch of purple violets completed the costume.

A dress of dark Dresden silk in which green and rose predominated was very simply made, but so well adapted to the occasion. The hat worn with it had a pink velvet Tam O'Shanter crown, a brim of white lace and a large bunch of purple violets completed the costume.

A theater waist in the box was made of a pale green striped silk with a velvet collar and a dark green velvet lined small tulle over the shoulders. The sleeves were very tight, and had puffs at the top that were caught up in scallops. The collar was white with a quilting of lace.

Remarkable Collarlette. A tall girl who sat down the aisle to a front seat wore a most remarkable collarlette. At the lower edge it had the appearance of being turned back to admit of immense choux of green satin ribbon set on at the shoulders and the middle of the neck. The collar stood very high around her neck, and she was wearing a high collar. The collar was made of a light fitting black sleeves in a waist of light brocade. The plainness of the sleeve was only relieved by two square tabs of lace at the top.

The colors which seemed most popular were pink, gray and purple. Pink velvet is the most popular material one can buy for an evening bonnet, and when combined with an algrette and a little white lace or net it is very pretty and attractive. Get a roll of the best of the very prettiest combinations in millinery is pink velvet veiled with cream net that with a white organdy or white faced with duchess lace.

The newest materials for evening dresses are striped green and gold and embroidered crepe and mousseline. The latter is made of silk to match or in contrasting shades. Spangled passementeries and lace are the trimmings.

Notes of Fashions. Silk skirts grow more and more elaborate. The newest ones have a succession of mousseline flounces edged with lace, and a green velvet skirt with a wide overplaid. A dark green broad skirt with a rose figure has six alternating flounces of plain rose silk and of the material of the skirt.

Another skirt with white ground has white flounces bordered with narrow black velvet and narrow lace. Silk edgings in the newest material for winter skirts. It is trimmed as elaborately as the silk ones. Bengaline also figures in fancy petticoats.

Corsets are being made in new glories. The short waisted corset with low bust admits of a fancy trimming around the top which very much resembles a fancy corset cover. One that is ornamented with a ruche of pink chiffon has shoulder straps like an ordinary waist.

A Definition of Christmas. From Life. Sunday School Teacher—"Johnny, what does Christmas mean?" Johnny—"My pa says Christmas means swapping a lot of things you can't afford for a lot of things you don't want."

How It Worked. From the Chicago Record. "That woman getting her purse snatched out of her hand saved my purse for me." "How was that?" "My wife went shopping and put her purse in her pocket; when she got down town she found it had her pocket."

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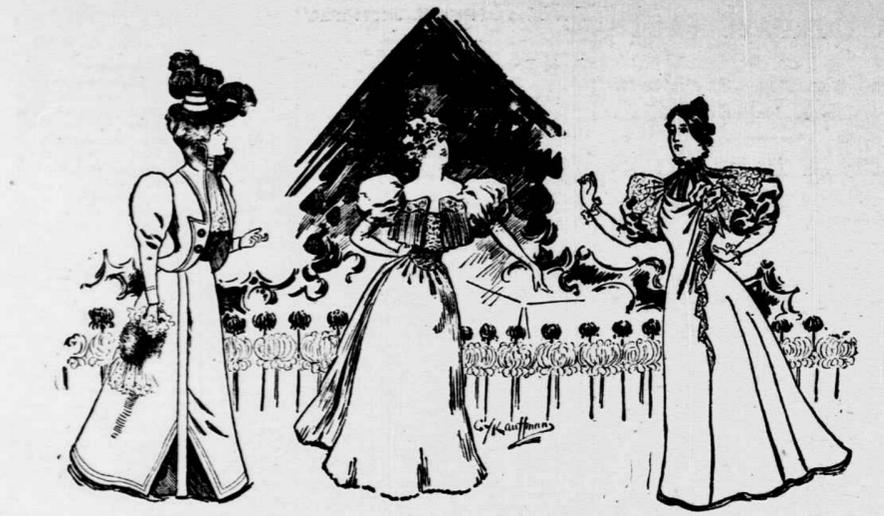
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The Three Classes Which the Traveling Wealthy Woman Takes.

SOME STYLES OF TEA TOILETS

Paris Costumes for Street, Indoor and Evening Wear.

HIGH DRESS COLLARS

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

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FASHIONABLE millionaires, whom ennui and social reverses have driven out of America to seek a new realm where they may yet wear it over her peers, is now traveling along the southern shores of Europe. She carries seven trunks, and no one knows how much

in storage in London and in Paris. For go where she will, from the Fiji Islands to the north pole, the woman of leisure takes along three kinds of clothes, which may be classified as gowns to wear indoors, those to wear outdoors and those to wear evenings.

Just imagine her consternation when she is expected to appear in court costume before the Fiji chief and discovers at the last moment that the trunk containing her evening dresses will not come until the next steamer!

Our millionairess is prepared for every emergency. She is accustomed to them and knows how to meet them. There is one trunk of which she never loses sight in all her wanderings. She has it brought to her state-room on board ship, and keeps an eye out for it at stations where baggage is transferred. In this she carries at least one gown of each of the three classes, and

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

An excellent restorer for oilcloth that is losing its first freshness is made of half an ounce of beeswax dissolved in a saucer of turpentine. Rub this over the surface of the oilcloth with a small soft cloth, and then polish off with a piece of flannel.

The hoarseness that comes from cheering or a long siege of talking, if uncorrected with a cold, can generally be greatly relieved if not entirely removed, by swallowing a raw egg. Glycerine and alcohol in equal parts thickened with rock candy will also answer the same good purpose.

Don't expect your children to grow up models of politeness if they are not taught to be polite in the home circle. If you have not taught your little son to rise and bring forward the easy chair for you or for any of his elders when they enter the room in which he is sitting, you certainly cannot hope that he will be so thoughtful as to offer his seat in a crowded street car to an elderly person. If he is permitted to wear his hat in the house when at home, you should not be so shocked when he forgets to remove it in the house of your friend.

If you are so injudicious in your methods of training at home as to permit your children to "talk back" to you when you reprimand them, do not wonder when some "friend" comes to you with a tale of their sauciness or ill-breeding when cut from under your eyes.

An eminent physician says that the hearty meal of the day should be breakfast. That the system should crave more food at that meal than at any other, and that the perfectly healthy creature will eat more breakfast than at any other meal of the day. And he is of the further opinion that those who do not eat heartily at the late dinner hour are on the highway to ill-health and early "old age."

An old paint brush—one of the large size—makes an excellent blacking brush. Clean it by immersing it in a dish of coal oil, which will loosen the paint, and a second bath will cleanse it entirely.

A delicious dish for breakfast or lunch is prepared as follows: Two cups of cold boiled potatoes cut into small dice, half a cupful of finely grated cheese, half a cupful of cream or milk (if milk use a little butter) and pepper and salt to taste. Butter a pudding dish and fill with layers of cheese and potatoes and season as you go. Over the top put a thin covering of pound-

ed crackers, and then pour the cream over the top of all. Bake half an hour, letting the top brown, and serve in the baking dish.

Many a woman would save herself the back-ache she would use a higher kitchen table and a higher ironing board. One should never stoop at one's work if it can be avoided, and ordinarily it can. A kitchen table of the right height will permit you to stand erect when kneading bread, washing dishes, or compounding recipes. The same with the ironing board. This advice follows will save many round shoulders and tired backs even after a long day in the kitchen.

A mixture designed to "fix" crayon and charcoal drawings is made of equal parts of shellac and alcohol. Spray with an artist's atomizer.

The very best way to clean black silk, or to renew black ribbons, is to make a strong borax water. Then lay the silk or ribbon on a perfectly clean smooth board and with a soft cloth rub thoroughly with the borax. Rinse in the same manner with smaller quantity of borax. Dry a piece at a time on a table or board, then roll round a broomstick. Ironing ruins silk.

The care of one's shoes in a climate such as this is a momentous task. A lady is known by the manner in which she is shod, and it is absolutely impossible to keep shoes in shape till worn enough to cast aside uncleanly and discarded. A bottle of vaseline, two quarts of oats, lots of new shoe buttons or laces and a bottle of good polish, to be frequently used, are the prime requisites for taking care of the foot covering. Of course the sandals, gums and "spats" belong to the shoe proper. If the shoes are not cleaned the proper thing to do on entering the house is to take them off at once. Rub off all the dust or mud and apply a little vaseline, well rubbed-in before the shoes are put on. Then set the shoes aside, fill with oats, well shaken down, after the shoe is buttoned or laced up. When you are ready to put them on twenty-four hours later you will find that the oats have absorbed every bit of dampness, and left the shoe as soft as when new. Rub with a bit of flannel and the original shine will return to the leather. When the blacking comes to be necessary, apply it only two or three times a week, relying mainly on vaseline rubbed in at night, and polished down in the morning. Never wear a shoe with a button gone, or with shabby laces, and patronize your shoemaker as often as you discover a rundown heel, or a crack in the sole. The oats may be kept in a pasteboard box, and should be well dried out exposure to the air whenever they have

been used. They can then be used an indefinite length of time.

To make a box stool, so fashionable now, get a small box, lid and all, at your grocery for a dime. Fasten the lid on with strong leather hinges, that may be cut from old boots, and run a roll of banding, of 1 1/2 cents, and two or three inches wide, across the top and bottom, with some iron wire, a hammer and a mallet of brains you can make for about 75 cents a box stool.

Don't let heartache go with your Christmas presents. If you are able to give freely, do so; but if the purse is lean and sacrificial comfort is the daily act of giving, your desire to make handsome presents, by some blessing goes with a present that way. A little thing that means loving remembrance to the recipient is one who will prize your gift than one who she knows is far beyond your means to give.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS. What is Proposed by the New York City Health Authorities. From the Medical Record. The health department of New York, being very properly convinced that the greatest source of transmission of infectious and contagious disease among children is through contact with each other in school, proposes to take radical measures for the mitigation if not suppression of this obvious danger. Appropriations are asked for the purpose of having a corps of inspectors, of course, whose duty it shall be to inspect the schools regularly and inform themselves as to the sanitary condition of all points connected with possible disease transmission. How competent men can be obtained at \$30 per month can best be determined by officials who are notoriously indifferent to the real value of such services. Such, it strikes us, is a way of proving how not to do a good thing. This, however, duties could be performed by a sanitary inspector or health officer and not overworked assistant.

Still, the proposed school inspection is a most excellent thing and it is to be sincerely hoped that it can be properly carried out. Not only should the public schools be under such jurisdiction of the health board, but every hospital and private institution as well. We would extend the functions of such inspection to include those duties which are not usually performed by those not classified by the health authorities as such, for instance, the numerous skin affections so prevalent in the schools, and other matters propagated indirectly through water closet seats, drinking cups, books, slates and the like.

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Stagnation breeds impurity. Impurity breeds disease. Constipation is stagnation of the bowels. Constipation breeds impurity of the blood, and all manner of maladies, trifling and serious, are the result. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation, and they are as good as "just as good," only to give the dealer bigger profits.

one-half long; this is for the back or bottom. To this card sew a piece of unbleached muslin measuring twelve inches wide and twelve inches long, with the corners cut out. Cut a piece of silk plush and a piece of figured China silk the same shape and a trifle larger all around, turn the edges in and bind with a silk cord. Before the muslin is caught, however, fasten the ends of an elastic in a color to match the lining to the top and bottom of the cardboard; this band or strap will hold the photographs in place and prevent them from sliding about when handled. When closing the photo, turn short ends in first, then the long ones. For Playing Cards. A bag to hold a pack of cards is an acceptable present for anybody who plays. To make one, cut a piece of cardboard the size of the end of a pack of cards, cover it with muslin and then with the material of which the bag is made. Of the many materials that can be used, a good quality of silk plush or French cretonne will prove very durable and satisfactory. Line the goods with China silk, and if you form the bag two inches longer than the pack of cards, allowing room for a heading at least an inch wide, and provide the bag with drawing strings. On a piece of thin, white celluloid paint the spots of some cards in the pack and sew it fast to one side of the bag. An odd card may be tacked to the bag or the spot embroidered on a piece of white linen. It would be advisable to cover a piece of parchment with the embossed lines as it lends a stiffness to it and gives more the appearance of a genuine card. To make a pretty blotting pad, cover a stiff piece of cardboard six or seven inches long and three inches wide with unbleached muslin, and then with white or unbleached linen, upon which a pretty design in violets has been painted or embroidered. OLDEST DOLL IN AMERICA. Brought From China by a Sea Captain 171 Years Ago. One of the quaintest and prettiest dolls to be seen anywhere is preserved at Reading, Mass., and here is where dolls have the advantage of real human beings—though she is the oldest doll in America, she does not show her age at all, except in the matter of dress, and is just as charming as when Capt. Gammell Hoopes brought her home to his little daughter at Salem, Mass., when he returned from a voyage to Canton, China. She is now dressed in Louis XIV style, but history does not record just how this tiny counterfeit of woman was originally attired. What we do know is that when



she came to America we had no direct trade with any distant ports of the world, for everybody here was a subject of King George, and no one had ever heard of the Star Spangled Banner. The same doll, therefore, has looked upon the most remarkable events of modern times, and it has not even aged her. When the war of the revolution was inaugurated she had already passed through the hands of several generations, and was really entitled to all the respect due to a very venerable person. She is much older than General Washington when he became the President of the United States, and General Lafayette must have seen her, and she is older than the first President of the United States. During all this time the doll was passed on from one person to another, evidently receiving the best of treatment from each successive owner—unusual beauty and strange history saving her from the sad fate of so many of her sort. Had a General Idea. From the Chicago Tribune. English Visitor (in Washington)—"It is customary, is it not, to refreshen the White House entirely whenever a new President goes into it?" Native—"Yes." English Visitor—"I have observed that there is always a great number of young men about his selection of a cabinet. Is that what he keeps his state papers in?"